PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) Docket No. JUL 13 2001 -3108-00-US (Large Entity) JUL 1 8 2001 Tou et al. ExamIECH CENTER 1600/29 Group Art Unit Serial No. Filing Date Weber 1651 April 3, 2000 09/541,844 Invention: METHOD OF REMOVING N-TERMINAL ALANINE RESIDUES FROM POLYPEPTIDES WITH **AEROMONAS AMINOPEPTIDASE** TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action March 30, 2001 in _above-identified application. The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): ☐ Four months ☐ Five months ☐ Two months ☐ One month until: July 30, 2001 May 1, 2001 from: Date Date The fee for the extension of time is \$890 and is to be paid as follows: ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-1025 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. ☑ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-1025 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Dated: July 9, 2001 09541844 I certify that this document and fee is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as on July 9, 2001 890.00 CH

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